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Rao Bahadur K. SITARAMA REDDI :—" When was the answer received, Sir? For, it says 46 were opened in the last year and with 107 of the previous year the total comes to 153. I think there is some mistake somewhere."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" No, Sir. There were many opened in the years previous."

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—" May I know if the Government have considered the advisability of enjoining on all rural dispensary men that they should undergo some course of training in the ayurvedic system of medicine also by way of adding to their usefulness to the rural people? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" They do not propose doing it."

Extension of the Government Women and Children's Hospital at Mangalore.

* 202 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government Women and Children's Hospital extension scheme in Mangalore was included, as promised, in the very emergent works considered in connexion with the budget for 1926-27;

(b) whether the execution of the scheme is still kept in abeyance and the public fund raised for this purpose now amounting to Rs. 30,000 made to lie idle in the bank; and

(c) whether the contribution already promised by Government will be provided for at least in the next budget?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the explanatory note relating to the motion for the supplementary demand of Rs. 100 passed at the meeting of the Legislative Council on the 24th January 1927 in connexion with the scheme for the extension and improvement of the Government Hospital for Women and Children at Mangalore. It is proposed to start work during the current year, the expenditure incurred being met from the public subscriptions. It is proposed to provide a sum of Rs. 30,000 representing the Government share of the cost of the scheme in the Civil Budget Estimates for 1927-28.

Agriculture

Stoppage of export of oil-cakes from the Presidency.

* 203 Q.—Mr. C. GOPALA MENON: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Director of Agriculture has recommended the stoppage of export of all oil-cakes from the Presidency so that the agriculture in the Presidency might benefit by the retention of oil-cake in the country and what action the Government have taken in connexion with this recommendation?

A.—The Director of Agriculture recommended in 1924 that the whole question of imposing restrictions on the export of manures should be examined by a committee to be appointed by the Government of India; this recommendation was forwarded by this Government to the Government of India in the same year.